

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
FORT WORTH DIVISION

JANE DOE,

Plaintiff,

v.

No. 4:24-cv-00209-P

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ET AL.,

Defendants.

ORDER

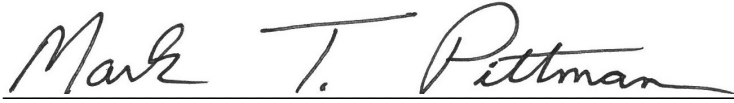
Before the Court is Plaintiff's Motion for Leave to Proceed Without Local Counsel. ECF No. 5. Having considered the Motion and this Court's practice¹ of strictly enforcing the Local Rules, the Court concludes that the Motion should be, and it is hereby, **DENIED**.

Accordingly, Plaintiff shall file the entry of appearance of local counsel satisfying the requirements of Local Rule 83.10(a) **on or before March 18, 2024**.

Failure to do so shall result in the imposition of sanctions and/or the dismissal of this case without prejudice, but without further notice.

¹This Court has a long and consistent history of requiring litigants to strictly adhere to the Local Rules. *See, e.g., Six Flags Ent. Corp. v. Travelers Cas. & Sur. Co. of Am.*, No. 4:21-CV-00670-P, 2021 WL 2064903, at *1 (N.D. Tex. May 21, 2021) (Pittman, J.) (dismissing lawsuit without prejudice for failure to comply with Local Rule 83.10(a) requiring local counsel); *United States v. Thomas*, No. 4:13-CV-688-A, 2013 WL 11332537, at *1–2 (N.D. Tex. Sept. 5, 2013) (McBryde, J.) (holding that Local Rule 83.10(a) required Austin-based attorney to designate local counsel); *Robert Cook & Associates, Inc. v. Illinois Nat'l Ins. Co.*, No. 7:09-CV-141-O, 2010 WL 11619707, at *1 n.1 (N.D. Tex. Aug. 19, 2010) (O'Connor, J.) (admonishing defense counsel that "disregard of the Local Rules is burdensome for those required to analyze and adjudicate Defendant's motion" and ordering counsel "to file a statement notifying the Court . . . why they failed to comply with the local rules and whether this failure should result in the forfeiture of their right to practice in the Northern District of Texas"); *Harper v. Am. Airlines, Inc.*, No. 4:09-CV-318-Y, 2009 WL 4858050, at *1–2 (N.D. Tex. Dec. 16, 2009) (Means, J.) (denying motion to declare class-certification motion timely because plaintiff failed to comply with Local Rule 23.2 and "once on this Court's docket the case becomes subject to this Court's local rules").

SO ORDERED on this **11th day of March 2024.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark T. Pittman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Mark T. Pittman
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE